REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his telephonic message, clarifying that independent claims 30 and 53 are considered to be within Group II of the election/restriction requirement. In response to the election/restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute independent claims 30 and 53, and their respective dependent claims (claims 29-32, 34, 35, 38-45, 48, 49, and 52-54) of Group II drawn to a marker system, and respectfully request examination of these claims, which are pending.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this response, please contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Bingham McCutchen's Deposit Account No. <u>50-2518</u>, referencing billing number 7010755001. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any underpayment to Bingham McCutchen's Deposit Account No. <u>50-2518</u>, referencing billing number 7010755001.

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